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SPEECH

OF

William Paul,

A Clergy-man.

Good People,

Am just going to make my Appearance in the other World, where I must give an Account of all the Actions of my past Life; and the I have endeavour'd to make my Peace with God, by sincerely repenting of all my Sins; yet forasmuch as several of them are of a publick Nature, I take it to be my Duty to declare here, in the Face of the World, my hearty Abhorrence and Detestation of them.

And first I ask Pardon of God and the King, for having violated my Loyalty, by taking most abominable Oaths, in defence of Usurpation, a-

gainst my lawful Sovereign King James the Third.

And as I ask Pardon of all Persons whom I have injured or offended; so I do especially desire Forgiveness of all those whom I have scandalized by Pleading Guilty. I am sensible that it is a base and dishonourable Action, that it is inconsistent with my Duty to the King, and an entire Surrender of my Loyalty. Human Frailty, and too great a Desire of Life, together with the Perswasions of several who pretended to be my Friends,

were the Occasion of it. I trust, God, of his Infinite Mercy, upon my fincere Repentance, has forgiven me, and I hope all good Christians will.

You see, my Countrymen, by my Habir, that I die a Son, tho' a very unworthy one, of the Church of England; but I wou'd not have you think that I am a Member of the Schismatical Church, whose Bishops set themselves up, in opposition to those Orthodox Fathers, who were unlawfully and invalidly deprived by the Prince of Orange. I declare that I renounce that Communion, and that I die a dutiful and faithful Member of the Nonjuring Church, which has kept it self free from Rebellion and Schism, and has preserved and maintain'd true Orthodox Principles both as to Church and State; and I desire the Clergy, and all Members of the Revolution Church, to consider what bottom they stand upon, when their Saccession is grounded upon an unlawful and invalid Deprivation of Catholick Bishops, the only Foundation of which Deprivation is a pre-teaded Act of Parliament.

Having ask'd Forgiveness for my self, I come now to forgive others; I pardon those, who under the Notion of Friendship perswaded me to plead Guilty. I heartily forgive all my most inveterate Enemies, especially the Elector of Hannover, my Lord Townshend, and all others who have been instrumental in promoting my Death. Father, forgive them! Lord Jesus

have Mercy upon them ! and lay not this Sin to their Charge."

The next Thing I have to do, Christian Friends, is to exhort you all to return to your Duty. Remember that King Junes the Third is your only Rightful Sovereign, by the Laws of the Land, and the Conflictation of the Kingdom; and therefore if you would perform the Duty of Justice to him, which is due to all Mankind, you are oblig'd in Conscience to do all you can to restore him to his Crown, for it is his Right, and no Man in the World, besides himself, can lawfully claim a Title to it; and as it is your Dusy to ferve him, fo it is your Interest, for till he is restor'd the Nation can never be happy. You see what Miseries and Calamities have befallen these Kingdoms by the Revolution. And I believe you are now convinc'd by woful Experience, that fwerving from God's Laws, and thereby putting your felves out of his Protection, is not the Way to fecure you from those Evils and Misfortunes which you are afraid of in this World. Before the Revolution you thought your Religion, Liberties and Properties in danger, and I pray you to confider how you have preferved them by Rebelling? Are they not ten times more precarious than ever? Who can fay he is certain of his Life or Estate, when he considers the Proceedings of the prefent Administration? And as for your Religion. is it not evident that the Revolution, instead of keeping out Popery, has let in Atheism? Do not Heresies abound every day, and are not the Teachers of false Doctrines patronized by the Great Men in the Government? This flows the Kindness and Affection they have for the Church: And to give you another Inflance of their Respect and Reverence for it, you are now going to fee a Priest of the Church of England murdered for doing his Duty. For it is not me they strike at so particularly: But it is through me that they would wound the Priefthood, bring a Difgrace upon the Gown, and a Scandal upon my facred Function: But they would do well to remember, that he who despiles Christ's Priests, despiles Christ; and he who despiles him, despiles him that sent him. And

And now Reloved, if you have any regard to your Country. which lies bleeding under these dreadful Extremities, bring the King to his just and undoubted Right. That is the only way to be freed from these Missortunes; and to secure all these Rights and Priviledges which are in Danger at prefent King Tomes has promised to proved and defend the Church of Em land, he has given his Royal Word to confert to flight Laws which you your felives that think necessary to be made for its Prefervation. And his Majesty is a Prince of that Jassice. Vertue and Honour, that you have no manner of Reafon to doubt the Performance of his Royal Promise. He studies no thing to much, as how to make you all easie and happy sold and whenever he comes to his Kingdom, I doubt not but you will be fo.

I shall be heartily glad, good People, if what I have faid. has any Effect upon you, so as to be instrumental in making you perform your. Duty. It is out of my Power now to do any thing more to ferve the King, than by employing fome of the few Minutes I have to live in this World, in praying to Almighty God to shower down his Blessings, spiritual and Temporal, upon his Head, to protect him and restore Him, to be favourable to his Undertaking, to prosper him here. and to reward him hereafter. I befeech the same infinite Goodness to preserve and defend the Church of England, and to reffere it to all its. just Rights and Priviledges; and laftly, I pray God have Mercy upon me, pardon my Sins and receive my Soul into his everlasting Kingdom; that with the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apollies, and Marryrs, I may praise and magnify him for ever and ever. Amen.

As to my Body, Brethren, I have taken no manner of Care of it; for I value not the barbarous Part of the Sentence, of being cut down and quarter'd. When I and once gone, I shall be out of the Reach of my Enemies; and I wish I had Ouzrters enough to fend to every Parish of the Kingdom, to testify, that a Clergyman of the Church of England, was mar-

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The SPEECH of JOHN HALL, Elgs

Friends, Brethren, and Countrymen,

Am come here to die for the sake of God, my King, and my Country, and I heartily Rejoice that I am counted worthy of so great an Honour; for let not any of you think that I am come to a shameful and ignominious End. The Truth and Justice of the Cause for which I suffer, makes my Death a Duty, a Vertue, and an Honour. Remember that I lay down my Life for afferting the Right of my only Lawful Sovereign King James the Third: That I offer myself as a Victim for the Liberties and Happiness of my dear Country, and my beloved Fellow-Subjects: That I fall a Sacrifice to Tyranny, Oppression, and Usurpation. In short, consider, That I suffer in the Desence of the Commands of God, and the Laws and Hereditary Constitution of the Land; and then know, and be assured, that I am not a Traytor, but a Martyr.

I declare that I dye a true and fincere Member of the Church of England, but not of the Revolution-Schismatical Church, whose Bishops have so Rebelliously abandoued the King, and so shamefully given up the Rights of the Church, by Submitting to the unlawful Invalide, Lay Deprevations of the Prince of Orange. The Communion I dye in, is that of the True Catholick Nonjuring Church of England, and I pray God to prosper and increase it, and to grant (if it be his good Pleasure)

that it may rife again and flourish.

I heartily beg Pardon of all whom I have in any manner and at any time injured or offended. I do particularly implore Forgiveness of God, and my King, for having so far swerv'd from my Duty, as to comply with the Usurpation, in swearing Allegiance to it, and acting in Publick Posts by the Usurper's Commissions, which were void of all Power and Authority. God knows my Heart, I did this at first through Ignorance and Error; but after I had recollected myself, and inform'd my Judgment better, I repented, and drew my Sword for the King; and now submit myself to this violent Death, for his sake. I heartily pray God, my Penitence and my Sufferings may attone for my former Crime, and this I beg, through the Merits, Mediation and Sufferings of my dearest Saviour Christ Jesus.

I do fincerely forgive all my Enemies, especially those who have either caused or increased the Destructions in Church or State. I pray God have Mercy upon them, and spare them, because they are the Work of his own Hands; and because they are redeemed with his Son's most precious Blood. I do particularly forgive, from the bottom of Heart, the Elector of Brunswick, who murders me. My unjust pretended Judges and Jury, who convicted and condemned me; Mr Patten and Mr. Carnaby, Evidences, who swore against me at my Tryal. And I do here declare, upon the Words of a Dying Man, (and all my Northumberland Fellow-Prisoners can testify the same) That the Evidence they gave was so far from being the Truth, the whole

whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth, that in relation to my Indictment, they fwore not one true thing against me, but many absolute Falshoods. I pray God forgive them, for I am sure I do.

Lastly, I forgive all who had any Hand in the Surrender at Preston, for they have surrender'd away my Life; and I would to God, that were the only bad Consequence of ir. But alas, it is too plain, that the Surrenderers not only ruined many of his Majesty's brave and faithful Subjects, but gave up their King and Country into the Bargain. For it was then in their Power to have restor'd the King with Triumph to his Throne; and thereby to have made us a happy People. We had repulsed our Enemies at every Attack, and were ready, willing, and able to have attack'd them.

On our fide, even our common Men were brave, couragious and resolute: On the other Hand, theirs were directly the contrary; insomuch that after they had run away from our first Fire, they could never be brought so much as to endeavour to stand a second. This I think my self obliged in Justice to mention, that Mr. Wills may not impose upon the World, as if he and his Troops had conquered us and gain'd the Victory; for the Truth is, after we had conquered them, our superiors thought fit to capitulate and ruin us. I wish them God's and the King's Pardon for it.

May it please the Almighty to bless, preserve, and restore, our only rightful and lawful Sovereign King James the Third. May he direct his Counsels, and prosper his Arms; may he bring him to his Kingdom, and set the Crown upon his Head.

May he protect him from the Malice of his Enemies, and defend him from those who for a Reward would slay him innocent! May he grant him in Health and Wealth long to live! May he strengthen him, that he may vanquish and overcome all his Enemies, and finally, when it pleases his Infinite Wisdom to take him out of this World, may he take him to Himself, and reward him with an Everlasting Crown of Glory in the next.

These, my Beloved Countrymen, are the sincere Prayers; these the last Words of me, who am now a Dying Person. And if you have any Regard to the last Breath of one who is just going out of the World, let me beg of you, to be Dutiful, Obedient, and Loyal, to your only Sovereign Leige Lord, King James III. Be ever ready to serve him, and before you never fail to use all your Endeavours to Restore him; and whatever the Consequence be, remember that you have a Good Cause, and a Gracious God, and expect a Recompence from Him.

To that God, the God of Truth and Holiness, the Rewarder of all who suffer for Righteousness Sake, I commend my Soul, beseeching him to have Mercy upon it, for the Sake of my

dear Redeemer and merciful Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

July 13, 1716.

John Hall.

POSTSCRIPT.

I Might reasonably have expected my Life would have been saved, since I had obtained five Reprieves; but I find that the Duke of Hanover, and his Evil Counsellors who Guide him, have so little Virtue and Honour themselves, that they are resolved not to spare my Life, because I would not Purchase it upon base and dishonourable Terms. I have Reason to think, that at first, I could have secured both Life and Fortune, if I would have pleaded Guilty; and I doubt not but I might since have obtain'd Favour if I would have Petition'd in a vile, scandalous Manner: But I was resolv'd to do nothing whereby I should have disown'd my King, and deny'd my Principles. And I thank my good God, both for inspiring me with this Holy Resolution, and for giving me the Grace to perform it.

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